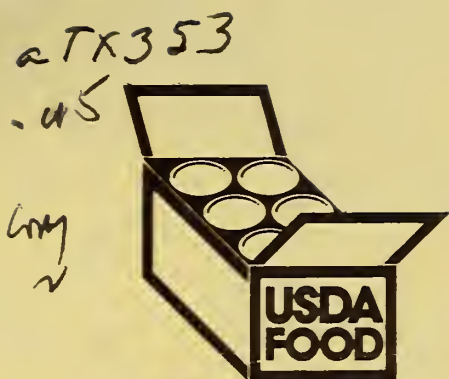


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# The Food Distribution Program for Charitable Institutions

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Thousands of charitable institutions throughout the country rely on foods donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help provide meals to needy people. These institutions range from churches operating community kitchens for the homeless and destitute, to orphanages and homes for the elderly. Other eligible institutions include meals-on-wheels programs, soup kitchens, temporary shelters, correctional institutions offering rehabilitative activities, group homes for the mentally retarded, and hospitals that offer general and long-term health care.

## Who is Eligible?

To participate, charitable institutions must be nonprofit and serve meals on a regular basis. They may be either public institutions or nonprofit private institutions that have Federal tax-exempt status.

## How Are the Foods Distributed?

Throughout the year, USDA buys a variety of foods through programs designed to stabilize farm prices. USDA has this food processed, packaged, and transported to designated locations within each State. State distributing agencies supply the food to eligible institutions and other users of donated foods.

## What Foods Are Available?

The kinds and quantities of food donated to charitable institutions vary, depending on market conditions. Generally, the foods donated are cereal and grain products such as flour, cornmeal, rice, rolled wheat and oats, bulgur, macaroni, and spaghetti; and peanut and oil products such as roasted peanuts, peanut butter, peanut granules, soybean oil, and soybean shortening.

## How to Apply

Charitable institutions interested in receiving donated food should contact their State distributing agency. That agency will determine eligibility based on standards set by USDA.

For more information about the Food Distribution Program in your State, contact the appropriate regional office of the Food and Nutrition Service: (see back)



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